Employment generation under PMRY in Jharkhand

3563. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set any target for generating employment opportunities during the last two years under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the actual achievements till the 31st March, 2003;

(c) the annual target set for the Tenth Five Year Plan period in the State; and

(d) the steps being taken to achieve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) The target of 18,000 (9000 for the year 2001-02 and 9000 for the year 2002-2003) was allocated for the last two years *i.e.* 2001-02 and 2002-03 to Jharkhand under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY). As per the reports received from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), loans have been disbursed to 4787 (Provisional) applicants resulting in estimated employment opportunities for 7180 persons in the State during the above-mentioned period under the PMRY.

(c) The target of 9000 and 5350 (Provisional) was allocated to Jharkhand during the first two years of the Tenth Five Year Plan *i.e.* 2002-03 and 2003-04 respectively under the PMRY. The targets to State/UTs are allocated annually under the Scheme. The allocation of target to Jharkhand during the subsequent years of the Tenth Five Year Plan would depend upon the achievements of the scheme in previous years, the percentage of recovery of loan overdues under the Scheme, the total number of educated unemployed youth in the State, etc.

(d) Various steps are taken to achieve the allocated target under the PMRY *e.g.* communicating the target before the onset of the next financial year, prescribing the quarterly schedule of sponsoring, sanctioning and disbursement of applications under the Scheme to avoid bunching of the applications at the fag end of the year, and regular monitoring of the Scheme, by Committees at the District, State and Central Level.